

Will-Power and its Secret

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*Come together; speak in harmony, and may your minds see alike,
even as the gods of yore, in agreement, took their offerings.*

*Uniform be your deliberations and uniform be the result you achieve;
uniform your mind and uniform your thought. A common prayer do I utter
forth for you and a common oblation do I offer for you.*

*Same be your intention, same be your hearts; same may your minds
be so that there might be complete unison amongst you. Rigveda
X.191.2-4.*

"Already before my mind rises one of the marvellous verses of the Rig-Veda Samhita which says, "Be thou all of one mind, be thou all of one thought, for in the days of yore, the gods being of one mind were enabled to receive oblations." That the gods can be worshipped by men is because they are of one mind. **Being of one mind is the secret of society.** And the more you go on fighting and quarrelling about all trivialities the further you are off from that accumulation of energy and power which is going to make the future India. For mark you, the future India depends entirely upon that. **That is the secret--accumulation of will-power, co-ordination, bringing them all, as it were, into one focus.** A handful of Japanese all think in the same way, and you know the result. That is how it goes throughout the history of the world. You find in every case, compact little nations always governing and ruling huge unwieldy nations, and this is natural, because it is easier for the little compact nations to bring their ideas into the same focus, and thus they become developed. And the bigger the nation, the more unwieldy it is. Born, as it were, a disorganised mob, they cannot combine. All these dissensions must stop.

No force can be created; it can only be directed. Therefore we must learn to control the grand powers that are already in our hands and by **will-power** make them spiritual instead of merely animal.

It is will that is the power. It is the man of strong will that throws, as it were, a halo round him and brings all other people to the same state of vibration as he has in his own mind. Such gigantic men do appear. And what is the idea? When a powerful individual appears, his personality infuses his thoughts into us, and many of us come to have the same thoughts, and thus we become powerful. Why is it that organisations are so powerful? Why is it, to take a case in point, that forty millions of Englishmen rule three hundred millions of people here? What is the psychological explanation? These forty millions put their wills together and that means infinite power, and you three hundred millions have a will each separate from the other. Therefore to make a great future in India, the whole secret lies in organisation, accumulation of power, co-ordination of wills.

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